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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO POLAND: PUBLIC STATEMENTS - DEPARTURE
STATEMENT

REFS: A. STATE 615672; B. WARSAW 4462

1. AS I LEAVE POLAND, MR. FIRST SECRETARY, I WOULD LIKE
TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT MANY OF OUR POLISH FRIENDS WILL
BE ABLE TO VISIT THE UNITED STATE DURING OUR BICENTENNIAL
YEAR. THIS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY FITTING, BECAUSE IT WILL
BE A TIME WHEN AMERICANS, LOOKING BACK OVER THEIR FIRST
TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF NATIONHOOD, WILL REMEMBER THE
IMPORTANCE OF SO MANY POLISH PEOPLE IN OUR HISTORY. SOME
OF THEIR NAMES ARE FAMILIAR TO ALL STUDENTS OF AMERICAN
HISTORY; KOSCIUSZKO AND PULASKI, FOR EXAMPLE. OTHERS
REMAIN ANONYMOUS. I AM THINKING OF THE MILLIONS OF PERSONS
OF POLISH DESCENT WHO HELPED TO DEVELOP OUR MID-WESTERN
AREA AND MY OWN STATE OF MICHIGAN. THIS IS THE SAME
SPIRIT OF COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS REBUILT YOUR
ENTIRE COUNTRY IN JUST THIRTY YEARS. OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE
HAVE CONVINCED ME THAT THIS COOPERATION WILL CONTINUE.
THE DOCUMENTS TO BE SIGNED AT HELSINKI PROVIDE A NEW
BASIS FOR FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE WARM AND FRIENDLY
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I AM PLEASED THAT
THIS VISIT COULD TAKE PLACE SO CLOSE TO THE SIGNING, SO
THAT WE COULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY TO DISCUSS HOW WE MIGHT
BEST IMPLEMENT ITS PROVISIONS.

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2. I WAS ALSO VERY PLEASED TO LEARN, MR. FIRST SECRETARY, THAT THE GOALS FOR THE EXPANSION OF OUR BILATERAL TRADE WHICH WE ESTABLISHED DURING YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON ARE EXPECTED TO BE ACHIEVED, AND THAT OUR COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAS CONTINUED TO DEVELOP, PARTICULARLY IN THE CRUCIAL FIELD OF ENERGY RESEARCH.

3. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU, MR. FIRST SECRETARY, AND ALL THE POLISH PEOPLE WHO MADE OUR VISIT BOTH ENJOYABLE AND PRODUCTIVE. IF YOU WILL EXCUSE A MICHIGAN ACCENT, LET ME TRY TO EXPRESS WHAT IS IN MY HEART IN YOUR LANGUAGE "NIECH ZYJE POSKA"*
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